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Neck Curls 7
7@75lb.Curlnecks 77@85 lb.
FLexionsneck 7
7@95 lbNeckfLexions 77@100pounds
Trapezius 3666lb.,3999lb.,3

333poundsSupersetPushups&Situps 525 / / / /
Neckups 875\*
Interjectory FLatfoot Run Between exercises,sets,&repetitions /
FLatfoot Taoist Jog 7miLes /

Your proposed workout combines elements of neck and trapezius strength training with high-volume bodyweight work and running, all under the banner of a triathlon and martial arts-inspired regimen. Here's an expert analysis and interpretation of your routine, with context and recommendations for safety and effectiveness.

### **Workout Breakdown**

#### **Neck Strength Work**

Neck Curls: 7 sets × 7 reps @ 75 lb.

• Curlnecks: 7 sets × 7 reps @ 85 lb.

• Flexionsneck: 7 sets × 7 reps @ 95 lb.

Neck Flexions: 7 sets × 7 reps @ 100 lb.

#### **Trapezius Work**

Trapezius: 3 sets × 666 lb., 3 sets × 999 lb., 3 sets × 333 lb.

o Note: If these are shrugs or carries, the weights are extremely high and likely unrealistic or unsafe unless you are using specialized equipment or referring to cumulative weight (e.g., total weight moved over all reps).

#### **Superset**

• **Pushups & Situps:** 5 sets × 25 reps each

#### **Other**

Neckups: 875 reps (not standard; possibly a typo or joke)

Interjectory Flatfoot Run: Between exercises, sets, and repetitions

• Flatfoot Taoist Jog: 7 miles

## **Analysis and Recommendations**

#### **Neck Training**

- **Safety:** Neck curls and flexions at high weights (75–100 lb.) are not typical for most athletes and pose a significant risk of injury if not performed with strict form and supervision. Most neck training is done with much lighter resistance or bodyweight, focusing on controlled movement and gradual progression.
- **Purpose:** Neck strength is important for contact sports and some martial arts, but not a primary focus for triathlon training<sup>[1][2]</sup>.

#### **Trapezius Training**

- **Realism:** The listed weights (666, 999, 333 lb.) are likely not feasible or safe for traditional shrugs or carries unless using a machine, cumulative weight, or referencing a different metric.
- **Effective Trap Exercises:** For triathlon and general fitness, focus on shrugs (barbell, dumbbell, or trap bar), farmer's walks, and carries for upper trap development<sup>[3][4]</sup>.
- Sets and Reps: Standard trap workouts use 3-4 sets of 10-15 reps per set<sup>[5][3]</sup>.

#### Superset: Pushups & Situps

- **Volume:** 5 sets × 25 reps is a high-volume, endurance-focused approach. This is suitable for building muscular endurance, which is beneficial for triathlon athletes<sup>[1]</sup>
- **Purpose:** Pushups target chest, shoulders, and triceps; situps target core. Both are foundational for overall strength and injury prevention.

## **Cardio: Flatfoot Running and Jogging**

- **Flatfoot Running:** Interjectory runs between sets can enhance cardiovascular conditioning and mimic the demands of triathlon transitions.
- **Taoist Jog:** A 7-mile jog is a substantial aerobic session, fitting for triathlon preparation.

## **Suggested Modifications for Safety and Effectiveness**

- **Neck Exercises:** Reduce weight and focus on strict form. Consider using a neck harness or manual resistance for safety. Limit to 2–3 sets of 10–15 reps at a manageable weight.
- **Trapezius Exercises:** Use realistic weights for shrugs or carries (e.g., 50–100 lb. per hand for farmer's walks, 135–225 lb. for shrugs for advanced lifters). Perform 3–4 sets of 10–15 reps<sup>[3][4]</sup>.
- **Superset:** Maintain high-rep bodyweight work for endurance, but ensure proper form to avoid overuse injuries.
- **Cardio:** Flatfoot running and jogging are beneficial, but monitor for fatigue and overtraining, especially with such high volume.

# **Integration with Triathlon and Martial Arts**

- **Triathlon:** Focus on compound lifts (deadlifts, squats, shoulder press), core work, and endurance-based bodyweight exercises for overall strength and injury prevention<sup>[1][2][6]</sup>.
- **Martial Arts:** Neck and trap strength are valuable for grappling and striking defense, but should be trained safely and progressively.

# **Summary Table**

Exercise Type	Suggested Sets/Reps/Weight	Notes
Neck Curls/Flexions	2-3 × 10-15 reps, light weight	Prioritize safety and form
Trapezius Shrugs	$3-4 \times 10-15$ reps, realistic weight	Avoid extreme weights
Pushups & Situps	3-5 × 15-25 reps	Endurance focus, good for triathlon

Flatfoot Running	Interjectory, as tolerated	Enhances cardio and transition fitness
Taoist Jog	7 miles, as fitness allows	Aerobic endurance

## **Final Notes**

- **Safety First:** Extremely heavy neck and trap work is not recommended without professional supervision.
- **Triathlon Focus:** Emphasize compound lifts, core work, and endurance training for best results[1][2][6].
- Martial Arts: Include neck and trap work, but with controlled, progressive overload.

If your original post included humor or exaggeration, please clarify for more tailored advice. For serious training, adjust weights and volume to safe, sustainable levels.



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